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HOUSE BILL 1573

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, relative to surviving spouse eligibility for specialty license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-228(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

A surviving spouse of a national guard member, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular fee applicable to the vehicle and a revenue-neutral fee equal to the cost of producing the special purpose plate, shall be issued a registration plate pursuant to this section, until the surviving spouse remarries.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-228, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

An application by a surviving spouse for continuation of a license plate or a plate formerly held by a deceased spouse national guard member shall be accompanied by such information as the commissioner shall require to prove the member's eligibility for issuance of the license plate and a copy of the death certificate.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-320, is amended by deleting the language "pursuant to § 55-4-235" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "pursuant to § 55-4-228, § 55-4-235".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.